

VEHICLE ROOF MODULE**ABSTRACT**

5 This roof module is designed for installation on a vehicle body in which
an opening of approximately the same dimensions as the roof has been made and it
is composed of the original roof panel (1), with its end finish, a complete
conventional interior trim (2), usually of larger dimensions than the afore-mentioned
panel, as well as pre-installed interior accessories (3) and (3'). At its front and rear
10 edges the roof panel (1) is provided with dished recesses (10) which engage
underneath the front (4) and rear (5) body cross members, covering it at least, said
cross members (4) and (5) being closed at the top with a panel (7) that covers them
and provides the form and finish matching the exterior of the vehicle. The roof panel
(1) has perimeter steps (11) and (13) that each match up positionally with
15 respective peripheral shoulders (9) provided both on the front (4) and rear (5) cross
members, as well as on the side rails (6) of the body, forming between them a
contact surface through which the roof module is joined to the body by means of
adhesive.